

## Legal Issues Questions: Matt Harrow

1. I was particularly struck by the law pertaining to student discipline (4.2.A) which read, "Maintenance of Discipline. Teachers shall maintain good order and discipline in their classroom at all times. Any neglect of this requirement shall constitute sufficient cause for dismissal." I understand that later on a statute states that certified educators shall be given "highest consideration" in deciding what a this might look like, but I still wonder... Has this law ever been applied with success in Washington State or Nationally? What would a classroom need to look like to get a teacher fired?
2. Pertaining to the Teacher Liability Act of 2001, what does, "reasonable force to discipline students and maintain order," look like? I have seen some grabbing and the physical movement of students by other teachers and it has made me uncomfortable. Is grabbing a disruptive student by the arm and moving them into a seat okay? Will this law apply differently to me as both a man and person of immense physical strength?